

Public Scoping Comment Form



We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal review process and return your completed comment form today or mail by September 21, 2009. Thank you.

Which meeting did you attend? GARDNER

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Project Purpose and Need | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic and Cultural Sites |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visual / Aesthetic Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Radio or Television Interference |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proximity to Residences | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use (Agriculture, Residential, Recreation) | <input type="checkbox"/> Health and Safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources (Floodplains, River Crossings) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Easement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Please provide your comments on the proposed project in the space provided below:

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THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO PARTICIPATE.

Please submit comments by the following means:

- Leave this form at the public scoping meeting.
- Mail the form or a letter to the address above.
- Submit comments electronically at www.socotransmission.com

Please submit your comments by September 21, 2009.

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Please fold this form letter style if you choose to mail it without an envelope. Make sure that your contact information is facing inward when mailing.

31 August 2009

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RE: USDA RUS Federal Review
SLV Calumet Comanche Trans. Proj.

I-324-001

The proposed interconnect for the transmission of electrical power by aerial wire entails a serious degradation of the environment where it transits the mountainous areas along Route 160. This technology, dating from the 19th century, is seriously out-of-step with modern requirements of efficiency and protection of the environment. It requires yet another easement to be constructed through fragile wildlife habitat, to the great detriment of wildlife and the scenic values that are in desperate need of protection. This "solution" to the problem of providing an adequate power distribution network is economically viable only when wildlife protection and scenic values are evaluated as being worth nothing in dollar terms. Given their true value to this and future generations, aerial wire power distribution is expensive indeed.

I-324-002

1. To mitigate the effects of constructing another right-of-way, the electrical conductors should be put underground on the existing right-of-way of Route 160:

2. To mitigate electrical losses inherent in alternating current distribution systems, direct current should be used.

I-324-003

3. To ease expansion costs, extra conductor channels should be incorporated in the underground structure, as your literature shows. These might also be shared with other utilities, such as, communication wires or fiber optic cables. In any event, the marginal costs associated with expansion are minimized.

DC transmission systems are already in use in this country, but not to the extent used in some foreign countries.

We should upgrade our electrical transmission systems just as we have our other electrical and electronic systems.

Kenneth A Price

I-324-001: Environmental Consequences (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential environmental consequences and mitigation measures from the proposed project will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

I-324-002: Socioeconomic Resources (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources from the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

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I-324-003: Project Alternatives (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. A range of reasonable project alternatives and mitigation measures including the no action alternative will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.